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Luc DOULAY et al.	:	Art Unit: 1651
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For: A CELL GROWTH METHOD	:	Docket No. 19316
AND DEVICE WITH MULTIPLE	:	
APPLICATIONS	:	

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003, Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1 – 5.

Remarks

Applicant has elected with traverse, the invention of Group I (i.e. method claims 1 – 5).

Applicant courteously contends that the method of Claims 1 – 5 and the apparatus of Claims 6 – 9 are so related that they are directed to a single invention that warrants prosecution in a single application. More particularly, method Claim 1 and apparatus Claim 6 concern the same means to grow cells, i.e. a closed enclosure with multiple sources of different nutrient media, multiple sources of different growth factors and means for delivering ventilation gases. The apparatus of Claim 6 is integral for the method of Claim 1 as the apparatus can modify the flow rate and quantity independently of each other, thereby to generate a desired composition. Further, the method of Claim 1 is integral to the apparatus of Claim 6 as the method requires receiving multiple sources of different nutrient media or constituents and multiple sources of different growth